

NEWSLETTER



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

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The Parish Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 3.00pm
(closed from 1.00pm to 1.30pm for lunch)

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED

2nd coll.: Archbishop's Fund

6.00 pm (Vigil): Rita Dempsey - RIP (*Demsey Family*)

7.00pm: Quiz Night in the Hall

Sunday, 14th Nov: Thirty-Third Sunday (B) Mk 13: 24-32

8.00am: Philip Craven - RIP

9.30am: Thanksgiving (*Kyle G-Kanny*)

11.00am: Deceased members of Evans & McDonnell Family

4.00pm: Confirmation Session in the Hall

6.00 pm: People of the Parish

Monday 15th Nov: St Albert the Great Lk 18: 35-43

7.30 am: Deceased members of Lunch & Cotton Families

12 noon: Frances & Michael-Joe Keavney - RIP

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th Nov: St Edmund of Abingdon Lk 19: 1-10

12 noon: Welfare of S (*Pauline Ventress*)

6.00 pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th Nov: St Hilda Lk 19: 11-28

7.30 am: Holy Souls

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Mr George - thanksgiving

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: RCIA in the Hall

Thursday 18th Nov: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul Lk 19: 41-44

7.30 am: Intentions of Canon Anthony Charlton

12 noon: Kathy Hall - RIP (*Anne Mannion*)

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30 - 8.30pm: Young Adults Prayer live in church

Friday 19th Nov: Feria Lk 19: 45-48

12 noon: Holy Souls

After Mass, Adoration until 1.30pm

6.00pm: Live streamed Evening Prayer

7.30pm: Donald McSweeney - RIP (*Sr Mary RNDM*)

Saturday 20th Nov: Feria Lk 20: 27-40

10.30am - 11.30am: Reconciliation and Adoration

12 noon: Holy Souls

6.00 pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

7.00pm: Eddie Glimor book launch in the church

Sunday, 21st Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) Jn 18: 33-37

8.00am: Dr Kazimierz Krynicki - RIP

9.30am: John Vibal - welfare

11.00am: John Aitken-Gray - RIP (*Myrna Gray*)

4.00pm: Confirmation Session in the Hall

6.00 pm: Deceased members of the Andradi Family

2nd coll.: Catholic Youth Services

PARISH MATTERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Marie Strong, Angeline Frizell, Luisa Ward, Janette Hughes, Barbara Brett, Mary Dittrich, Pat Gibson, Jenni Aldridge, Mary Reynolds, Brian Wicker, Joan Sutton, Audrey Martin, Elizabeth Gilhenny, Bill Parker, Lucy Purbrick, Simon Lam, Sr Anne Bross (formerly of our parish), Jennifer Lang, Pauline Lilford, Barbara Markham, Patricia Gray, Patrick Sellars, Sr Margaret McGrath, Angela Nichols, Sandra Monger, Philomena Brown, Rhona Rollings, Stuart Allen, Marie Sheridan, Tom Carr, Shaena Metherill and Mary Jeffries.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Apollonia Citro, Bianca Wood, Deideri Maria (Vedova Roffinella), Angelina Glynn, Graham Wheeler, Baby Francis Anthony Delaney, John Farrell, Fr Chris O'Brien, Tracy Samuels, Josephine Howard, Canon Richard Hearn, Edward Asplin and Fr Robert Ellis.

Please pray for those whose 1st anniversaries are this month:

Anna Koeller and Ellen Fitz-Gerald

COLLECTIONS: Our retiring collections:

This weekend: 13/14 Nov: Archbishop's Fund: This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

Next weekend: 20/21 Nov: Catholic Youth Services: This collection, taken on National Youth Sunday, supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

NOVEMBER PRAYER LISTS FOR HOLY SOULS. If you wish to add names to the November prayers for Holy Souls, please complete a form and place in the Holy Souls Box in the Narthex.

Porchlight Shoebox Appeal. A table is available in the All Saints Chapel for collection of donations until 12 December. A list of needed items is on the church website, poster & Facebook page.

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers include Andrei Ioniță: Cello; Anush Kovhannisyan: Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser: Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 2022

If you would like your child to participate in the 2022 programme, email the Presbytery (canterbury@rcaos.org.uk) for a registration form. Children must be Year 3 or above. Completed registration forms must be returned to the Presbytery with the child's baptismal certificate attached by the 23rd January 2022.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

From Fr Anthony ...

On Friday here in Canterbury the Christmas lights were switched on heralding the Season of Shopping helped by all the extra shopping booths erected in Whitefriars and in St. George's Street. In the Gospel this weekend the signs heralding the coming of the Son of Man are that "the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" Jesus is telling his disciples both about the destruction of the Temple in AD70 and also that we are in the last age but we do not know the day or the hour of the coming of the Son of man,

Also in the last two weeks those gathering one Glasgow have deliberated and sort ways to prevent the destruction of our planet through selfish use of fossil fuels.

For me the questions are: How am I to live now? What are my priorities? What is most important for me? Reflecting on death and the end of time and the demise of our planet helps us to have a sense of purpose and strengthens our understanding of why I am here. Now is the time and now is the hour. We are reminded to change and in various ways be prepared. We are called both to look to the future but at the same time to love and live fully in the present.

The evangelist Mark was writing at a time when the Christians were experiencing persecution. The words we read were written to give them hope and sustain them. We need to hear the message of hope today amidst the chaos and violence that we read about and see and sometimes experience in our own lives.

Here is a good prayer for today.

Your creation, O God,
runs its appointed course,
as from the ends of the earth
you gather a people you call your own.
Confirm us in the strength of your abiding word.
Steady our hearts in the time of trial,
so that on the day of the Son of Man
we may without fear rejoice to behold his appearing.
(ICEL Collect)

Canon Richard Hearn: A Just Giving page has been set up in memory of **Canon Richard Hearn**, with money going to Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway Association because the railway was so close to his heart. If you wish to contribute click on the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carol-wrate2>

Eddie Gilmore, a member of our parish, has written a book called **'Looking Ahead with Hope: Stories of Humanity, Wonder and Gratitude in a Time of Uncertainty'**. Available directly from the publisher, DLT: <https://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk/titles/2342-9781913657420-looking-ahead-with-hope> or in our shop.

Eddie will be presenting the book in word and song on Saturday, November 20th 7pm in the church, with signed copies for sale.

The Union of Catholic Mother's are supporting **Canterbury Food Bank** in their **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Please join the UCM in collecting for this worthy cause. A list of needed items is on posters in the church and our facebook page *UCM St Thomas' Catholic Church Canterbury*. Collection information to follow.

FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS
Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!
Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec from 7-8pm (UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.
Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

20-year-old female student from Burkina Faso, currently resident in Italy is in urgent need of accommodation near the University of Creative Arts for around £80 per week, preferably with other students. She has funding to do a foundation-level arts course finishing in June 2022 and cover for accommodation costs, and aims to work the maximum hours permitted on her visa (10 hpw). Contact the SVP if you can help svpcant@gmail.com Many thanks.

HCPT PILGRIMAGE: HCPT Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust are actively planning Pilgrimages to Lourdes next year 2022. We are hoping our children's group 87 will take part in the Children's Pilgrimage at Easter and our Summer group 587 to travel to Hosanna House on May 27th (date tbc)
HCPT CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW tickets are available in the Narthex and Saints Chapel
All proceeds are allocated to groups 87 and 587 to help fund HCPT's life-changing pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults.

If you can help by taking a book of 10 tickets to sell we would be very grateful. Please return all monies and counterfoils in the envelope provided to Annie Judge or place in the Presbytery letter box before Christmas so they can be entered and allocated to our groups 87 and 587. (For info contact anniejudge@hotmail.com)



SHOP NEWS:

CLOSED ON SUNDAYS: The shop is closed on Sundays as we do not have volunteers to open. If you can help on Sundays (or any day), contact the Shop Manager via the office.

UCM PLANNER: For all members of the UCM... we will be stocking the UCM 2022 calendar/planner in our church shop.

ADVENT: The shop has a lovely selection of Advent literature and religious themed Advent calendars (with or without chocolate)

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION YEAR 2022/2023

Parents/carers must complete and submit 'Supplementary Information Form' (as well as completing the online application) **before the closing date of the 17th January 2022**. This is for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. Copies of supplementary forms are available in the Narthex and Canon Anthony will sign forms for Parish families on specific dates to be published in the bulletin. More information on the school website or from Laura at St Thomas' School on 01227 462539

Christmas Fair: Sunday 12th December 10:30- 1:30 in the hall.

We would be grateful for donations for the following stalls:

Items to our raffle, unopened bottles (Wines, Spirit etc.), chocolates, smellies etc. New items for our tombola and lucky dip.

Any contribution is appreciated. No donation is too small.

Donations can be made up to the 10th December.

Home-made cakes (on the day please).

There will be lots more stalls and activities including Father Christmas. If you can help on the day or would like to book a Stall to promote your business (limited availability) contact [07805490217](tel:07805490217) or socialstthomasrc@gmail.com

All monies raised go to our church projects

100 CLUB Thank you to all those who took part in our 100 Club during 2021 Please complete your renewal form or apply to join for 2022. Forms are available at the back of church or from Linda in the Office. Forms must be submitted to the Parish Office before 17 December 2021 to be included for 2022.